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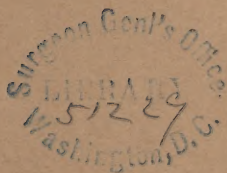
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ARTICLE I.

TITLE OF THE ASSOCIATION.

This Association shall be known as the KENTUCKY STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY, and shall be composed of permanent, temporary, and honorary members.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The objects contemplated by the Kentucky State Medical Society are:

1. The establishment and maintenance of union, harmony and good government among its members, thereby promoting the character, interests, honor, and usefulness of the profession.
2. The cultivation and advancement of medical science and literature, by the collection, diffusion, interchange, preservation, and general circulation of medical knowledge throughout the State.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. The Kentucky State Medical Society shall be composed of all the Physicians and Surgeons now members of this Convention, and such other persons as may be admitted according to the provisions of the following sections of this article.

SEC. 2. Every candidate for permanent membership must be a graduate of a regular medical school in good standing, and must present his petition in writing, indorsed by a member of the Society, who can testify to the professional and social standing of the applicant; which petition must be referred to the Committee on Credentials. If said Committee report favorably on the petition, the Society will at once proceed to ballot, and if three-fourths of the members present vote to sustain the report, the candidate shall be declared duly elected.

SEC. 3. The TEMPORARY MEMBERS shall be those who may be selected by any regularly organized city, town, or county medical society, to represent said society in the State Association. Their membership shall terminate with the session for which they may have been elected.

SEC. 4. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP shall be conferred only on distinguished medical gentlemen residing beyond the limits of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

SEC. 5. The election of honorary members can take place only at the annual meetings of the Society, and not more than three shall be elected in any one year.

SEC. 6. The election of honorary members shall be by ballot, and the concurring votes of four-fifths of the members present shall be necessary to their election.

SEC. 7. Honorary members shall be exempt from all pecuniary contributions to the Society, and shall have all the privileges of permanent and temporary members, except the right of voting and holding office.

SEC. 8. Every member shall be entitled to a certificate of his membership after he shall have complied with the requisition of Article III. The form of such certificate shall be prescribed by the by-laws.

ARTICLE IV.

FEES.

All members of this Society not exempted by the provisions of this Constitution, shall, at the time of their admission, pay to the Society a fee of *three* dollars, and shall also pay once a year, to fall due on the first day of each annual meeting, such contributions as the by-laws may, from time to time, prescribe.

ARTICLE V.

RESIGNATION OF MEMBERSHIP.

Any member wishing to withdraw from the Society, may do so when he shall have presented the Secretary's receipt for all moneys due.

ARTICLE VI.

FORFEITURE OF MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER CENSURE.

SECTION 1. Any member who shall be guilty of gross misconduct, either as a member or a citizen of the community, or shall be palpably derelict in duty, either as a member or officer, shall be liable to expulsion, or such other censure as the Society may direct.

SEC. 2. No judgment of expulsion, suspension, or other censure, shall be passed against a member until

after due notice and fair trial; but the Society may proceed in the absence of the delinquent, if such due notice has been given and the member fails to attend. No member shall be expelled unless by the votes of three-fourths of the members present. And should such member come forward at the next annual meeting succeeding his expulsion, and offer a satisfactory explanation, he may be reinstated without delay or expense, provided three-fourths of the members present agree thereto. In this case the vote shall be taken by ballot.

ARTICLE VII.

MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. This Society shall hold its session for the present year, commencing on the first day of October, and shall hereafter convene annually on the first Tuesday in April at such places as the Society may, from time to time, direct.

SEC. 2. Special meetings may be held by resolution of the Society at its stated meetings, and at such other times as the President shall appoint.

SEC. 3. None but professional or literary subjects shall be considered at special meetings.

ARTICLE VIII.

ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The elective officers of this Society shall consist of a President, Senior and Junior Vice Presidents, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurer, Librarian, and a Committee of Publication of three members; all of whom shall be chosen by ballot at each annual meeting, and shall continue in office for

twelve months, or until another election. The election shall be held on the second day of the session, after reading the record of proceedings of the preceding day.

SEC. 2. In conducting the annual election, should more than two members be balloted for for any office, the member having the smallest number of votes on the second or any subsequent ballot, shall not again be voted for for the same office.

SEC. 3. A majority of the suffrages of the members present shall be necessary to an election.

ARTICLE IX.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society, to preserve order, and to regulate the debates according to the most approved rules of parliamentary proceeding, provided any member may appeal to the Society from the President's decision on points of order. The Presiding Officer shall appoint the chairman of all committees (except the Committee of Publication), unless otherwise ordered by the Society—each chairman having the right to select two members to assist him in the discharge of the duties assigned the committee.

SEC. 2. In the absence of the President, the Vice Presidents, according to seniority, shall perform all duties appertaining to the chair; but if neither be present, the Society shall elect a President *pro tem*.

SEC. 3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a correct list of all the members of the Society, arranging the names of those now present alphabetically, and hereafter according to their admission. He shall keep

accurate minutes of all the proceedings of the Society, including the names of members present, and, from time to time, transcribe them into the Record Book in a fair and legible hand. He shall keep regular accounts with each member of the Society, receive all moneys due to it, and pay them to the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same upon his Record Book. Such papers of the Society as are not necessarily recorded, he shall preserve in distinct and regular files, holding them always accessible to the inspection of members. Whenever any chairman of a committee is appointed, the Recording Secretary shall furnish him with a copy of the minute of appointment, together with any document that may be essentially connected with the duties of the committee. Before entering upon the discharge of his duties, the Recording Secretary shall enter into a bond for the transfer to the Treasurer of all moneys that may come into his hands. The Society shall fix the amount of the bond, which shall be made payable to the Society, and be deposited in the hands of the Librarian.

SEC. 4. The Corresponding Secretary shall notify all members and officers of their election; he shall write and answer letters in behalf of the Society, and, in general, manage their distant correspondence, as particular exigencies or the resolutions of the Society may require. He shall read to the Society all communications and answers which he may have made or received during each recess, and then deliver them to the Recording Secretary or the Librarian, according to their several characters.

SEC. 5. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys from the Recording Secretary, agreeably to Section 3 of this

Article, and shall pay the same to the order of the Society, certified by the President and attested by the Recording Secretary. On the first day of each annual meeting, and oftener if required by the Society, he shall render a detailed statement of the business of his department, and shall deliver up to his successor the books, papers, money or other property of the Society remaining in his hands. For the faithful performance of his duties, the Treasurer, before entering thereon, shall execute and deposit in the hands of the Librarian a bond made payable to the Society, in such amount as the Society may direct.

SEC. 6. The Librarian shall have under his custody the bonds of the Secretary and Treasurer, and it shall be his duty to take special charge of all the books, essays, and whatever may constitute any part of the scientific or literary stock of the Society. No manuscript shall be removed from his possession without an order from the Society, except by the members of the Committee of Publication.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the Committee of Publication to select from the essays of the members, and other communications made to the Society, such as they may think worthy of being published. Such selections as may be made by the committee, shall, when ordered by the Society, be published with the minutes of the annual meeting, under the title of *Transactions of the Kentucky State Medical Society*. After the publication of each number or volume of the Transactions, the committee shall return to the Librarian all papers belonging to the Society.

ARTICLE X.**STANDING COMMITTEES.**

The following standing committees shall be appointed annually, viz: A Committee on Arrangements; on Medical Ethics; on Public Hygiene; on Vital Statistics; on Epidemics; on Obstetrics; on Improvements in Practical Medicine; on Improvements in Surgery; on Improvements in Pharmacy; on Indigenous Botany; on Finance; on Publication.

ARTICLE XI.**AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION.**

Every proposition to amend this Constitution shall be made in writing, and shall be audibly read by the Recording Secretary on two different days; when, if there be no dissenting voice, it shall be declared adopted; but if there be one or more negatives, or if the amendment be offered on the last day of the session, it shall be placed on file to be read at the next annual meeting; when, if there be a concurrence of three-fourths of the members present, it shall be incorporated as a part of the Constitution.

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Each annual meeting to be opened with prayer, if convenient.

SECTION 1. Every member shall observe order and decorum in the Society, and shall pay due respect to the President and other officers, and to his fellows; and no member shall withdraw during the session without special permission from the chair.

SEC. 2. No member shall be permitted to speak a second time until each member, who may wish to address the meeting on the subject under consideration, may have had an opportunity of doing so; nor shall any member be allowed to speak more than twice without special permission.

SEC. 3. A public address shall be delivered by the President on the first evening of each annual session.

SEC. 4. Every member shall, in addition to his initiation fee, pay the sum of *three* dollars annually, such contribution to fall due on the first day of each annual

session. All members who may become indebted to the Society for dues for two years and fail or neglect to pay the same after due notice by the Recording Secretary, shall, by the order of the President at the next annual meeting, have their names stricken from the roll of membership.

SEC. 5. No member, who has not paid his initiation fee and yearly contribution, shall be allowed to vote for officers of the Society.

SEC. 6. The following form of certificate of membership shall be granted to those members who have complied with Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution:

These are to certify that.....is a member of the Kentucky State Medical Society, incorporated in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one.

In testimony whereof, we have affixed our hands and the seal of the Society.

———, *President.*

———, *Secretary.*

SEC. 7. The following shall be the order of business at each meeting of the Society:

Appointment of Committee on Credentials.

Propositions for membership.

Balloting for membership.

Reports from Special Committees.

Reports from Standing Committees.

Miscellaneous Business; which shall be in order at any time, except when "Special Order" is being considered.

SEC. 8. Any one or more of these by-laws may be suspended, for the time being, by a unanimous vote of the Society.

SEC. 9. Any proposition to amend these by-laws shall be made in writing, and read by the Recording Secretary on two different days; when, if two-thirds of the members vote in favor of such proposed amendment, it shall be declared adopted.

SEC. 10. On all doubts involving points of order Jefferson's or Cushing's *Manual* shall be regarded as authority.

